

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because the Amendment places the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; and does not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration. Entry of the Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

This supplemental amendment cancels non-elected claims 11 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer thereto. Applicants reserve the right to file at least one continuation application directed to any subject matter canceled herein. Applicants note with appreciation that the Advisory Action of July 12, 2006 notes that claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12-16, 18 and 19 would be allowable if the non-elected claims are canceled.

CONCLUSION


From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested and such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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